ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The connection status of each of various peripheral devices connected to a network is found and, on the basis of the connection status found, a plurality of

5 functions implemented by one or a plurality of peripheral devices are managed, function by function, together with settings information of the peripheral device or devices which implement the functions. Each managed function is displayed in the form of an icon.

10 Settings information (903) of a peripheral device in regard to a function (901) selected by the user from among functions displayed as icons is displayed in the proximity of the icon of the function.